

2 Cor. 4:16-18, οὐκ ἐγκακοῦμεν

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- What's the best way to understand a scripture passage?

- ◆ Brücken schlagen
- ◆ Exegesis:
 - ◆ my responsibility today



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Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day.

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- What role do vv. 16-18 play in Second Corinthians?

- ◆ 4:1-15, description of suffering
- ◆ 5:1-10, description of future



Paul's Way of Linking Ideas



Major linking tools used by Paul:

Inferential: οὖν, διό, then, therefore

Contrastive: δέ, ἀλλά, but, instead of

Copulative: καί, and

Causal: γάρ, for

This is but a listing of some of the primary conjunctions used by Paul. A complete listing is much, much longer.

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- *What was the foundation of Paul's ongoing renewal in ministry?*
 - ◆ *Role of γὰρ in vv. 17-18*
 - ◆ *Emphasis upon future*

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17 For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, 18 because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

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- ***What lasting truths emerge here?***
 - 1. Serving God is never going to be simple and easy.***
 - 2. Temptations to throw in the towel in service are not signs of weakness or failure.***
 - 3. Critical to faithfulness in service is our primary focus in life.***
 - 4. The renewing presence of God brings God's resources to bear on all our existence.***